# **Major Features ECF 6.1 Upgrade**

## **JOINT FILINGS**

Attorneys no longer have access to pick all filers to a joint pleading.

Any party for which an attorney is not listed as counsel of record will not be available for selection.

### **PACER**

Two new links were added to allow PACER users to access other courts and the PACER Case Locator from within CM/ECF (found in Utilities).

**NOTE:** In order for this to work properly, a user must be logged in with a PACER login or have the PACER login connected to the CM/ECF login.

- "Links to Other Courts" allows users to directly connect with other district courts without navigating to a new webpage.
- "PACER Case Locator (National Index)" directs the user to the PACER Case Locator on the PACER Service Center website.

### **QUERY**

Users may run queries with a question mark (?) or an asterisk (\*) as the first character, or a question mark (?) between characters for last name searches. Each instance of a question mark is treated as a single wild card character.

- When a question mark (?) or an asterisk (\*) is in the first position of the search string, two non-special characters must be placed in the second and third positions (?AB, \*AB).
- When a question mark (?) is in the second position of the search string, a non-special character must be placed in the third position (A?B). (Useful for company names that are acronyms and may have been entered with or without spaces.)
- Users will also receive results when running queries for party names that contain a pound sign (#) as part of the name. Searches will yield results when only the last name of a hyphenated name is known and a leading asterisk character is used as a wild card.

#### **MOBILE QUERY**

The mobile PACER Case Locator (PCL) provided by the PACER service center is now linked to the District CM/ECF application. It is optimized for display on mobile devices: iPad, iPhone and Android devices V2.2 or higher.

The mobile query interface offers a simplified user experience optimized for display on mobile devices. This interface incorporates the following functions:

- Search interface:
- Party selection from party name search result list;
- Case selection from case search result list based on case or party name search;
- Attorney information for selected case;
- Party information for selected case;
- Deadlines/Hearings for selected case;
- Docket entries for selected case.